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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara County

FROM: Albert F. REynolds, Director
Department of Environmental Resources

DATE: July 16, 1979

RE: Revision of Southpoint Estates (San Clemente Group) Rezoning
and Tentative Map 12,679/79-EIR-1

Per your Board's directive of July 9, 1979, DER has reviewed the changes in the Southpoint Estates (San Clemente Group) rezoning and Tentative Map 12,679 to determine whether potentially significant adverse environmental effects may result from these changes in the project description not covered by 79-EIR-1. Two types of changes have been made: several lots have been deleted and replaced by open space, and a specific offsite water run-off recharge system has been proposed because onsite recharge rates are marginal.

It is my finding, based on information supplied by the applicant to date, that neither of these changes cause potentially significant adverse environmental effects. Accordingly, final discretionary action on the proposed rezoning and Tentative Map may proceed on the basis of the Final EIR and this memorandum of addendum.

Deletion of 31 lots will clearly improve the project and can be said to act as partial mitigation to such significant effects as cumulative water overdraft and water quality potential degradation, and lack of adequate open space.

The establishment of an offsite water run-off recharge system will in the judgement of the County Flood Control Engineer further mitigate water overdraft and water quality problems. We have examined such site specific information as is presently available to us on the specific system proposed and find that aside from initial construction impacts of dust, noise, traffic disruption, etc. there are no identifiable significant impacts involved. Both onsite and offsite recharge concepts were discussed in the original EIR. The particular offsite recharge

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area and route to it now proposed do not appear to cause long term aesthetic or physical impacts of consequence. No appreciable impacts in air quality emissions, geologic or seismic hazards, identified archaeological sites, rare or endangered flora or fauna communities, traffic problems, nor direct impacts to neighboring residents will occur from routing the pipeline within the right of way of Blosser Road.

We would, however, make no finding with respect to possible long-term contamination of ground water by the recharge system proposed, have no opinion as to its economic viability, and have not seen its technical feasibility demonstrated in the geology of the area proposed.

With these findings of no additional potentially significant adverse environmental effects resulting from changes to this project as of this date, your Board is in a position to take a final action on the appeal at your meeting of July 16, 1979.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Reynolds

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Director

cc: Director of Planning
Flood Control Engineer
Applicant